



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2014 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 27, 2014
Schedule 14**

PLEASE NOTE: February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILL INTRODUCED JANUARY 24, 2014

HB 432 Delegate Beitzel, et al

ALLEGANY COUNTY, GARRETT COUNTY, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY – DEER HUNTING – SUNDAYS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on specified property from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, in Allegany County, Garrett County, and Washington County subject to specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2014**HB 433 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ORGANIZATIONAL LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Frederick County to issue a specified alcoholic beverages license to specified types of organizations located in the county; and requiring the net proceeds of the sale of alcoholic beverages under specified licenses to be used solely for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-211(g-1) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 434 Delegates Arora and Barve**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RETURNS – ELECTRONIC FILING**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to allow persons required to file a personal property tax return to file the return and pay the filing fee electronically through the Department's Web site; and authorizing the Department to charge a processing fee for payments made electronically.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TP, § 11-104 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 435 Delegate W. Miller, et al**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LABOR ORGANIZATIONS – RIGHT TO WORK**

Prohibiting an employer from requiring, as a condition of employment or continued employment, an employee or a prospective employee to join or remain a member of a labor organization, pay charges to a labor organization, or pay a specified amount to a third party under specified circumstances; prohibiting an employer from threatening an employee or a prospective employee with specified action; providing that a specified violation of law is a misdemeanor and is subject to specified penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, ED, FL, HG, LE, LU, and SP, Various Sections - amended, LU, § 16-316 - repealed, and LE, §§ 4-701 through 4-707 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 436 Delegates Rudolph and Malone**VEHICLE LAWS – OPERATION OF VEHICLE WHEN APPROACHING A TOW TRUCK OR SERVICE VEHICLE**

Requiring drivers approaching a tow truck or service vehicle that is stopped, standing, or parked on a highway and using specified visual signals, unless otherwise directed by a police officer or traffic control device, to change lanes into an available lane not immediately adjacent to the tow truck or service vehicle under specified circumstances, or to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-405(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 437 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – PAYMENTS TO NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**

Repealing the termination date of specified provisions of law requiring health maintenance organizations to pay nonparticipating providers for specified services at specified rates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

Chapter 664 of the Acts of 2009, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 438 Delegate Summers, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – OVERTIME COMPENSATION EARNED BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$5,000 of income earned by a career fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, paramedic, or rescue employee or veteran and received as overtime compensation required by the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938; requiring the Comptroller to adopt specified regulations; applying the Act to tax years after 2013 but before 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-207(bb) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 439 Delegate Summers, et al**COURTS – JURY SERVICE – EXCUSAL**

Providing that an individual may be excused from jury service if the individual is a primary caregiver for a minor under the age of 6 years and unable to find child care for that minor, is a breast-feeding mother, or is a parent currently on paternity or maternity leave.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 440 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**EDUCATION – SCHOOL VEHICLES – AUTHORIZED RIDERS**

Prohibiting the driver of a school vehicle from allowing specified individuals to board or ride on the school vehicle, subject to specified exceptions; and authorizing specified individuals to board or ride on a school vehicle under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 16-816 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 441 Delegate Haddaway–Riccio**ANESTHESIA SERVICES – ASSIGNMENT OF BILLING RIGHTS AND FEES FOR MANAGEMENT SERVICES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the billing rights for anesthesia services provided in a freestanding ambulatory care facility from being assigned to a person that has a beneficial interest in the freestanding ambulatory care facility; prohibiting a freestanding ambulatory care facility or a person that has a beneficial interest in the freestanding ambulatory care facility from charging, directly or indirectly, an anesthesia services provider a fee for management services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, §§ 1-307 and 14-404(a)(15-a) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 442 Delegate George, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Removing the limitation on the amount of specified military retirement income that may be subtracted from federal adjusted gross income for Maryland income tax purposes; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 443 Delegate Luedtke, et al**TOBACCO TAXES – HEALTHY MARYLAND INITIATIVE**

Requiring a specified level of funding for the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program; increasing the tobacco tax rates on cigarettes and other tobacco products; requiring certain wholesalers of cigarettes and other tobacco products to report the amount of other tobacco products sold on a tobacco tax return; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HG, § 13-1015 and TG, §§ 12-105 and 12-202 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations

HB 444 Delegates Schuh and McConkey**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Requiring that specified members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education be elected at specified elections; requiring that specified members of the county board be appointed; providing for the residency, terms of office, and filling of a vacancy of specified members of the county board; authorizing the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, §§ 3-108(a), 3-110, and 3-114 - amended and § 3-2A-01 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 445 Delegate Carter, et al**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 –
BALTIMORE CITY – IN OUR HOUSE HOMELESS YOUTH CENTER**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to repeal a requirement that the Board of Directors of Loving Arms, Inc. provide a matching fund; specifying the amount of specified grants; providing that a grant for the In Our House Homeless Youth Center may not terminate before June 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 396 of the Acts of 2011, § 1(3) Item ZA02(P) and Item ZA03(R) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 446 Delegate Stukes**TAX SALES – REIMBURSEMENT FOR ATTORNEY’S FEES**

Providing that a plaintiff or the holder of a certificate of sale in a foreclosure action may be reimbursed for reasonable attorney’s fees up to \$1,200 for specified participation in a bankruptcy proceeding or for opening an estate for specified purposes; and providing that a plaintiff or holder of a certificate of sale in a foreclosure action may be reimbursed up to \$1,200 for expenses incurred for opening an estate for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TP, § 14-843(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 447 Delegate Mitchell, et al**WIRELESS LANDLINE TELEPHONE SERVICE – PROHIBITION AND
STUDY**

Prohibiting specified telephone companies from replacing landline or wireline telephone service to a customer with specified wireless telephone service; prohibiting the Public Service Commission from authorizing specified telephone companies to replace landline or wireline telephone service to a customer with wireless telephone service; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to specified committees of the General Assembly on or before a specified date.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 448 Delegate Parrott, et al**INCOME TAX – ELIMINATION OF THE MARRIAGE PENALTY**

Reducing the State income tax rates imposed on married couples filing a joint income tax return and for specified individuals with income between \$150,000 and \$500,000; increasing the amount allowed as a deduction for specified exemptions for married couples and specified individuals to twice the amount allowed as a deduction for specified individuals; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, §§ 10-105(a) and 10-211 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 449 Howard County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HEAD START PROGRAM RETROFITTING HO. CO. 5–14**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, retrofitting, and capital equipping of the Head Start Program facilities, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 450 Delegate Hixson, et al**INCOME TAX CREDIT – ENDOW MARYLAND**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for 25% of the amount of a donation to a qualified permanent endowment fund at an eligible community foundation; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, on application of a taxpayer, to issue a tax credit certificate under specified circumstances; providing that the Department may not certify more than \$1,000,000 in tax credit certificates during a taxable year; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-305(d) - amended and §§ 10-204(l) and 10-736 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 451 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

**NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM –
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD DESERT AREAS**

Altering the purpose of the Neighborhood Business Development Program to include help creating specified small businesses and other food-related enterprises in food deserts; specifying criteria for designating an area as a food desert; requiring the Program to provide financial assistance to projects in food deserts; authorizing specified entities to apply for financial assistance for a project in a food desert under specified circumstances; establishing the Interagency Food Desert Advisory Committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HS, §§ 6-301, 6-303, 6-304, 6-305, and 6-308 - amended and § 6-308.2 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 452 **Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**

**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – JUDGMENTS –
THIRD-PARTY TORTFEASORS**

Requiring a specified judgment obtained in favor of a Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipient to be increased by a specified amount under specified circumstances; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to collect from a Program recipient the full amount of specified payments in specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 15-120 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 453 **Chair, Environmental Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROGRAMS EFFICIENCY ACT

Repealing specified provisions of law governing the Elderly Rental Housing Program, the Nonprofit Rehabilitation Program, and the Rental Housing Production Program and establishing a new Rental Housing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; consolidating loan programs within the Department into a single program; providing for types of financing and repayment terms; establishing uses for loan proceeds; clarifying standards for multifamily loans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

HS, §§ 4-401 through 4-409, 4-929, and 4-1501 through 4-1511 - repealed, Various Sections - amended, & §§ 4-401 through 4-411 - added

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 454 **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

GAMING – EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to suspend a gaming license on an emergency basis if the suspension is necessary to protect the State's gaming program from specified harm; requiring the Commission to schedule a hearing on the suspension and notify the licensee of the suspension; authorizing the Commission to delegate specified authority to the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 9-1A-04(a)(4) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 455 Howard County Delegation

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HISTORIC BELMONT PROPERTY AND HISTORIC GARDEN RESTORATION HO. CO. 6–14

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historic Belmont Property and Garden, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 456 Howard County Delegation

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL FOOD BANK FACILITY HO. CO. 10–14

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 457 Delegate George, et al

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION

Decreasing over a specified period of years the State corporate income tax rate by 2.5%, from 8.25% to 5.75%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 458 Delegate Eckardt, et al**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – RATE REDUCTION**

Reducing the State income tax rate on the Maryland taxable income of corporations for tax years 2014 and 2015; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-105(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 459 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health and Mental Hygiene)**MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Expanding the scope of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians to provide education loan repayments to physician assistants who provide primary care in designated professional shortage areas under specified circumstances; and expanding the definition of “primary care” to include women’s health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 18-2801 and 18-2803 through 18-2805 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 460 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**GAMING – BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIONS**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, rather than the Department of State Police, to conduct background investigations in connection with specified gaming licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, §§ 9-1A-07(d) and 9-1A-20 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 461 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**STATE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Establishing the State Early Childhood Advisory Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; requiring the Council to develop a strategic plan to improve the school readiness of young children; requiring the Council to provide a statewide strategic report on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 7-1601 through 7-1608 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 462 Delegate Costa**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012 – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DEALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to authorize a grant for the Deale Elementary School Technology Enhancement Project to include capital equipping; extending the deadline to June 1, 2015, for the Board of Education of Anne Arundel County to present evidence of a specified matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 444 of the Acts of 2012, § 1(3) Item ZA02(H) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 463 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSES MC 16–14**

Establishing in Montgomery County a Class D beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license; requiring an applicant for a Class D beer, wine and liquor (on-sale) license to attest to a specified proportion of future food and alcoholic beverages sales, based on gross receipts, as a prerequisite to obtaining the license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, §§ 6-401(q) and 11-516(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 464 Delegate Schulz, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MICRO–BREWERY LICENSES – RETAIL SALE – PREPACKAGED BEER**

Authorizing the holder of a Class 7 micro–brewery (on– and off–sale) license to sell at retail beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off the licensed premises as prepackaged beer in nonrefillable containers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 2-208(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 465 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY – RAFFLES – AUTHORIZED**

Altering the definition of State lottery to include a raffle conducted by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency; authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to enter into agreements to operate raffles with specified entities outside the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, §§ 9-101 and 9-111(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 466 Howard County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – DAY RESOURCE CENTER HO. CO. 4–14**

Authorizing the creation of State Debt not to exceed \$575,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Day Resource Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 467 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor, Licensing and Regulation)

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYMENT OF MINORS

Repealing specified provisions of law regarding the issuance of a work permit by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry or a county superintendent of schools; authorizing a parent or guardian of a minor to apply for a work permit by completing a specified online application; and authorizing the Commissioner to issue a work permit under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LE, § 3-206 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 468 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Business and Economic Development)

MARYLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND – TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

Altering the permissible uses of financial assistance from the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Fund in the Department of Business and Economic Development to include specified training projects and working capital for specified technology projects; and providing for the terms and conditions under which financial assistance for training and technology projects may be provided from the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, §§ 5-301(v) and (w), 5-321(b)(1), 5-322(a), and 5-325(b)(2) and (e) - amended and § 5-301(w) and (x) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 469 Delegate Davis, et al

SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – SCHOOL ZONES – DAYS OF OPERATION

Altering the permissible days for the operation of a speed monitoring system in a school zone to establish that the speed monitoring system may operate only on days when the school for which the school zone has been established is scheduled to be in session.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(viii) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 470 Howard County Delegation**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – SHADED STRUCTURES FOR PLAYGROUNDS HO. CO. 7–14**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of shaded structures for playgrounds, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 471 Howard County Delegation**MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012 – HOWARD COUNTY – SUPPORTED LIVING FACILITY HO. CO. 11–14**

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to provide that the Board of Directors of the Supported Living, Inc. have until June 1, 2016, to provide a matching fund for a grant for the Supported Living Facility, located in Howard County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 444 of the Acts of 2012, § 1(3) Item ZA02(AR) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 472 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – COUNTRY INN LICENSES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners of Frederick County to issue a Class B–CI (country inn) on–sale beer, wine and liquor license for the use of an establishment that meets specified requirements in a specified election district.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-211(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 473 Delegate Summers, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – GREEN BUSINESS INCENTIVE ZONES**

Authorizing the creation of green business incentive zones in the State; establishing eligibility criteria and factors to be considered by the Secretary of Business and Economic Development in designating the zones; establishing procedures for applying for establishment of the zones and the benefits available in the zones; establishing a State income tax credit and real property tax credit available to specified businesses located in a green business incentive zone; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

EC, §§ 5-102 and 5-105 - amended and EC, §§ 5-1401 through 5-1408, TG, § 10-702.1, and TP, § 9-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 474 Delegate McIntosh, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – 4500 HARFORD ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Hamilton–Lauraville Main Street, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the 4500 Harford Road development project, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 475 Delegate Arora, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – SOUTH ASIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY**

Requiring the Governor to proclaim annually October 2 as South Asian American Heritage Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge specified organizations to observe the month with specified activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

GP, § 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 476 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – PAYMENT OF WAGES**

Authorizing Frederick County to pay the wages of an employee by debit card and to require an employee to receive the payment of wages by debit card or by direct deposit as a condition of employment; and requiring the county, under specified circumstances, to provide specified employees with a specified statement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

LG, § 12-109 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 477 Delegate Bromwell, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS – EXCEPTION**

Providing that the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without specified protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least 21 years old who carries at least \$10,000 in health insurance coverage for injuries that may be incurred in a motorcycle accident; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 478 Delegate Davis**MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying that the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund may not discriminate among insureds by charging different premiums to insureds who select, as a payment option, the Fund's installment payment plan instead of a premium finance agreement; and making the Act an emergency measure.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 20-507(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 479 Delegate Eckardt, et al**INCOME TAX – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME – HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Providing a specified modification under the Maryland income tax for specified individuals age 50 and older who receive military retirement income; requiring a taxpayer who claims the subtraction modification to be a health care practitioner licensed by the State; requiring a taxpayer who claims the subtraction modification to receive income attributable to employment as a health care practitioner in specified jurisdictions in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 480 Delegate Davis, et al**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSUMER AFFAIRS SATELLITE OFFICE IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**

Requiring the Office of the Attorney General to establish a consumer affairs satellite office located in Prince George’s County; providing for the purpose of establishing a consumer affairs satellite office; requiring the consumer affairs satellite office to provide consumers with specified resources; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to give specified consideration when determining the location of the consumer affairs satellite office; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 481 Delegate W. Miller, et al**OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the office of the Inspector General; specifying qualifications that an individual must meet to be eligible for election to the office; providing that the Inspector General is subject to removal by the General Assembly under specified circumstances; specifying the duties and powers of the Inspector General; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, §§ 1 through 6 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 482 Delegate M. Washington, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH – TUITION EXEMPTION**

Adding an unaccompanied homeless youth to the list of individuals who may be eligible for waiver of specified tuition and fees at specified institutions of higher education; requiring a specified administrator to verify a specified youth's status in a specified manner; authorizing a specified administrator to rely on specified documents when making a specified determination if specified other documents are not available; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 15-106.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 483 Delegate W. Miller, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – INSPECTOR GENERAL**

Specifying that there is an Inspector General of the State; establishing the Office of the Inspector General; requiring the Inspector General to examine and investigate the management and affairs of units and conduct audits of the units; authorizing the Inspector General to investigate specified matters; requiring that a unit cooperate fully with the Inspector General under specified circumstances; requiring that the Inspector General have access to specified documents of a unit under specified circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT

SG, §§ 7.5-101 through 7.5-112 - added and EL, § 8-401 - amended and § 8-402 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 484 Delegate Rudolph**HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – TUITION REDUCTION FOR UNEMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS**

Authorizing a community college to establish a tuition reduction program for specified individuals receiving unemployment benefits; establishing a specified amount of time a specified individual may qualify for a specified tuition reduction; requiring specified community colleges to develop policies and procedures regarding eligibility standards; and authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 16-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 485 Frederick County Delegation**FREDERICK COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering the salary of the Sheriff of Frederick County; providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent Sheriff during a specified term of office; and making stylistic changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 2-309(1)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

HB 486 Delegate George, et al**PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR BLIND INDIVIDUALS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES**

Increasing the amount of a property tax exemption for dwelling houses owned by specified blind individuals or surviving spouses of blind individuals from \$15,000 of the assessed value of the dwelling to \$30,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 487 Delegate Reznik**SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM – DEFINITION OF SMALL BUSINESS – REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION**

Repealing the termination provision of a specified provision of law relating to the definition of “small business” as used for the purposes of the Small Business Reserve Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Chapter 539 of the Acts of 2012, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 488 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES –
NAME CHANGE**

Changing the name of the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services to the Joint Committee on Access to Behavioral Health Services; altering the duties of the Committee by requiring it to monitor access to specified behavioral health services and specified medically necessary services; and altering the information that must be included in a specified report to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

SG, § 2-10A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 489 Delegate Schulz, et al**MUNICIPALITIES – INCORPORATION REFERENDUMS – SPECIAL
ELECTIONS**

Authorizing a special election to be held to conduct a referendum on the incorporation of a municipality; and requiring that a referendum conducted by special election be conducted according to the procedures and practices for regular countywide elections or by mail following the procedures in Title 9, Subtitle 5 of the Election Law Article.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

LG, § 4-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 490 Delegate Hixson, et al**EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE
BARGAINING**

Establishing collective bargaining rights for specified community college employees; requiring specified community colleges to determine whether specified employees are public employees for purposes of collective bargaining; establishing procedures for the election or recognition of an exclusive bargaining representative; providing procedures by which the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board may designate a bargaining unit; establishing the maximum number of bargaining units within a community college; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

ED, §§ 16-403, 16-412, and 16-414.1 - repealed and §§ 16-701 through 16-710 - added and SP, §§ 3-2A-05, 3-2A-07, and 3-2A-08(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 491 Delegate Frick, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – INTENTIONALLY CAUSING EMOTIONAL DISTRESS – DISTRIBUTION OF IMAGES OR VIDEO**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing serious emotional distress by distributing an identifiable image or video of another person, without the consent of the other person, that depicts specified portions of the other person's body; and establishing a specified penalty for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 3-908 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 492 Delegate Frick**MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAXES – ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE AND SPECIAL RATES**

Requiring the governing body of a municipal corporation, in selecting classes of property subject to a municipal corporation property tax, to select only specified classes of property and establish such classes of taxable property in an ordinance that is separate from the municipal corporation's annual budget ordinance under specified circumstances; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2014; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

TP, §§ 6-203 and 6-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 493 Delegate Busch**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ANNAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT FIRING RANGE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Annapolis for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Annapolis Police Department Firing Range; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Appropriations